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Honorable James H. Norick
Mayor of Oklahoma City
Municipal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mayor Norick:

Thank you very much for your letter of 21 December inviting me to participate in the Regional Strategy Seminar in Oklahoma City on 18 February.

As I told Governor Edmondson, Major Jennings and Mr. Gaylord, I sincerely regret that I will be unable to attend on this occasion. In view of my official position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools except on a rare occasion when I make an outside talk. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

Your courtesy in asking me to be with you is indeed appreciated and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in your Seminar.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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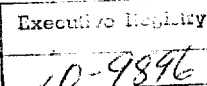
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

JAMES H. NORICK
Mayor



December 21, 1960



Dear Mr. Dulles:

Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and the Armed Services organizations of this area are going to sponsor a "Regional Strategy Seminar," February 17-18, 1961. On behalf of the sponsors, and all of our citizens, I wish to extend a most cordial invitation to you to come to our city and participate in the Seminar on Saturday morning, February 18.

Your speaking to the conferees on any subject informing on Communist machinations, politics and economics will be most appropriate and sincerely appreciated. Fifty minutes is programmed for this presentation. All the time you feel is required, however, will certainly be scheduled.

Our Seminar will be along the lines of others now being held throughout the country, an abbreviated version of the Defense Strategy Seminar conducted annually at the National War College. A thousand of our civic, business and professional leaders are expected at the sessions, seeking a better understanding of the nature of Communism and the implications of the "cold war conflict."

We do hope you can see your way clear to help us in this patriotic endeavor. I can assure you, personally, of a grateful Seminar and a genuine welcome in Oklahoma City.

Yours very truly,

James H. Norick, Honorary Chairman
Regional Strategy Seminar

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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
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